

# Lincoln Electric Recognized by Commissioner

Over this past year, The Lincoln Electric Company has provided significant contributions for KY Tech welding programs statewide. This caught the attention of many of the system's forty-four welding teachers, Tommy Sutton, DTE academic consultant; and Commissioner Emil Jezik. As a result, the commissioner recently recognized Lincoln Electric District Sales Manager Louis V. Vitucci for the valuable services and materials that have been provided by the company.



“Mr. Vitucci has been instrumental in developing a mutually beneficial partnership between DTE and Lincoln Electric,” says Jezik. “We are appreciative of those efforts.”

“Lincoln Electric is a first class operation and Lou Vitucci has made a difference by supporting, educating and assisting our teachers and students,” says DTE Academic Consultant Tommy Sutton.

From left: Lincoln Electric District Sales Manager Louis Vitucci accepts a plaque and KY Tech hat from Department for Technical Education Commissioner Emil Jezik.

"It has long been a goal of this department to establish relationships with business and industry," says Jezik. "Knowing and understanding the importance of relationships makes us stronger because industry gives us what they want to see."

"This is what partnership is all about," says Vitucci. "Our goal is to help elevate the relationship between industry and technical education programs throughout the state. We are doing this by finding creative ways to bring new technology into the classroom so that the instructors will be in a better position to meet industry demands. Building partnerships with educational entities like KY Tech is helping us meet this goal."

"Because technology is changing so rapidly, a major component in the chain is the transfer of information that allows this technology to be understood and taught -- and that is where Lincoln Electric has created a major role," says Vitucci. "We have not only brought in our company trainers for summer update training sessions, we have also brought in other business people too. This can only help enhance KY Tech's instructors and positively promote area technology centers."



L to R: Lincoln Electric Technical Representative Ed Varekojis, Vitucci and Jezik discuss business and industry support of technical education.